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SUBJECT: UNRWA FINANCES

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1. AS BEST WE CAN ASCERTAIN FROM VARIOUS LOCAL SOURCES, INCLUDING GOL OFFICIALS, THERE HAVE BEEN KUWAITI, SAUDI, IRAQI AND LEBANESE FUNDS AS WELL AS SOVIET MEDICINES, BLANKETS, ETC., PROVIDED FOR PALESTINIANS AND LEBANESE WHO SUFFERED AS RESULT ISRAELI REPRISAL RAIDS. HOWEVER, NONE OF THESE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TICKETED FOR UNRWA WHICH HAS STATED IT UNABLE DO ANYTHING ABOUT REBUILDING CAMPS OR EVEN ITS OWN BUILDINGS DESTROYED WITHIN CAMPS DUE TO ANTICIPATED 10 MILLION DOLLAR CY 1974 BUDGET DEFICIT.

2. DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF CONTRIBUTIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

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A. SAUDI ARABIA: TOTAL 6 MILLION DOLLARS OF WHICH 3 MILLION DOLLARS TO LEBANESE GOVT. FOR LEBANESE VICTIMS; AND 3 MILLION DOLLARS TO LEBANESE GOVT. FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF HOMES FOR PALESTINIANS (INCLUDING REGISTERED REFUGEES).

B. KUWAIT: TOTAL OF THREE MILLION DINARS (OVER 10 MILLION DOLLARS) OF WHICH 2 MILLION DINARS TO GOL FOR LEBANESE AND ONE MILLION TO PLO FOR PALESTINIANS.

C. IRAQ: TOTAL UNDETERMINED BUT INDIVIDUAL ALLOCATIONS TO BE MADE TO PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE FAMILIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED VIA ALF (FOR PALESTINIANS) AND IRAQI WING OF LEBANESE BAATH (FOR LEBANESE). COMPENSATION OF 2 THOUSAND DOLLARS PER DEATH, 1.7 THOUSAND PER WOUNDED, AND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR DESTROYED HOME.

D. LEBANON: GOL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS DECREED ADDITIONAL 4 MILLION DOLLARS FOR COUNCIL OF SOUTH, FOR PALESTINIANS AS WELL AS LEBANESE, BUT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MUST ACT SINCE THERE ARE NO FUNDS AVAILABLE. IT POSSIBLE (BUT NOT CERTAIN BY ANY MEANS) GOL WILL FIND MEANS USING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER GOVTS. TO COVER SUM DECREED FOR COUNCIL OF SOUTH IF ASSEMBLY FAILS FIND MONEY.

3. USSR: Wafa REPORTS MEDICAL SUPPLIES WORTH 150,000 RUBLES PLUS 10,000 BLANKETS AND CLOTH AND FOODSTUFFS, SOAP, ETC., WILL BE SENT SOON TO PLO RPT PLO.

F. EGYPT: MEDICAL TEAM REPORTED TO HAVE JOINED LEBANESE RED CRESCENT.

3. UNRWA ESTIMATES THAT DAMAGE TO NABATIYEH CAMP AROUND ONE MILLION DOLLARS BUT IT UNABLE DO ANYTHING TO HELP OTHER THAN PROVIDE SOME MEDICINE AND ONE THOUSAND BLANKETS.IT UNCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT NABATIYEH CAMP WILL BE REBUILT OR WHETHER NEW CAMP OR CAMPS WILL BE BUILT OR WHETHER NEW CAMPS WILL BE BUILT IN ANOTHER LOCATION.

4. ONLY APPROXIMATE ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE TO DATE IS THAT TO NABATIYEH CAMP. GOL IS WORKING TO TRY AND GET HANDLE ON DAMAGES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT SOUTH LEBANON FROM CONTINUING ISRAELI ATTACKS BUT THIS WILL TAKE TIME. IN OUR JUDGMENT, NEED IS NOT SO MUCH  
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FOR SHORT-TERM AID EVEN IN MEDICINES BUT FOR LONGER-TERM REBUILDING PROGRAM. ARAB MONEY ALREADY ANNOUNCED COULD BE ENOUGH FOR THAT BUT MUST AWAIT GOL COMPILATION OF DAMAGE ESTIMATE. IN ADDITION TO PROBLEMS OF DAMAGED AND DESTROYED HOMES OF LEBANESE AND PALESTINIANS, THERE IS PROBLEM OF LARGE NUMBERS LEBANESE WHO HAVE LEFT BORDER VILLAGES AND MOVED IN WITH OTHERS WHO LIVE AWAY FROM DANGER AREA, AND OF PALESTINIANS WHO HAVE LEFT CAMPS TO MOVE INTO TOWNS AND CITIES WHICH LESS EXPOSED TO SIRAEI ATTACKS.

5. LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER SOLH PLANNING TOUR OF SAUDI ARABIA,  
KUWAIT AND GULF STATES WEEK OF MAY 26. UNRWA COMGEN SIR  
JOHN RENNIE HAS ASKED HIM RAISE, IN DESPERATE LAST-DITCH  
EFFORT, QUESTION OF UNRWA DEFICIT AND HAS GIVEN HIM PAPER  
EXPLAINING DEFICIT AND HARD FACT THAT UNLESS IT CAN BE REDUCED  
SUBSTANTIAL DECISIONS WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN IN JUNE TO CUT BACK  
FOUR RATIONS (SAVING 4 MILLION DOLLARS) AND CLOSE PREPARATORY  
SCHOOLS (SAVING 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS). WE HAVE URGED, THROUGH  
VARIOUS CHANNELS, THAT SOLH SHOULD INDEED RAISE MATTER DURING  
HIS TOUR AND BEFORE LEAVING SHOULD MEET PRIVATELY WITH YASSER  
'ARAFAT TO EXAMINE VERY DANGEROUS IMPLICATIONS OF ARAB GOVTS.  
REFUSING PROVIDE FUNDS TO HELP MEET UNRWA DEFICIT.  
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